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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 1997, Paper Number 6 (herein "Office Action"), the Applicants respectfully request entry into the record and reconsideration of this amendment and response. This amendment and response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period for response of 3 months and no fee is required. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.